

A RESOLUTION to adopt “The Pride of Tennessee” as an official state song.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has adopted certain songs as official state songs; and

WHEREAS, “The Pride of Tennessee” by Fred Congdon, Thomas Vaughn and Carol Elliot tells of our state’s rich heritage and abundant life; and

WHEREAS, The Pride of Tennessee is a portrait of famous Tennesseans with legendary accomplishments and is an official state painting and symbol commissioned by the leaders of our great state; and

WHEREAS, “The Pride of Tennessee” is a musical portrait of the official painting that portrays the lives of our Tennessee ancestors; and

WHEREAS, this touching tribute to the Volunteer State reads as follows:

Chorus: From the Smokie Mountain Mornings to the Mississippi shores
Lets take time to remember those who went before
Whose lives made a difference in the world for you and me
Their courage faith and vision are the Pride of Tennessee

Sequoyah was a Cherokee the chief of all his tribe
His people learned to read and write with the alphabet he scribed

When Tennessee became a state its governor was clear
There was no better leader than the gallant John Sevier

From the backwoods to the Congress to his stand at the Alamo
Davy Crockett gave his life for the country he loved so

(Chorus)

Three presidents from Tennessee made impressions on this land
Jackson, Polk and Johnson were men who took a stand

Ida Wells Barnett fought bravely for the rights of men
When they were killed by prejudice for the color of their skin

He was drafted in the first world war though he did not want to go
His shooting skills made Alvin York a national hero

(Chorus)

When women of Tennessee believed they had the right to vote
Ann Dallas Dudley led the fight and gave them hope

Cordell Hull had a vision for peace around the world
The United Nations where all countries' flags unfurl

From Beale street down in Memphis to New York front page news
W.C. Handy's music made him father of the blues

(Chorus)

Yes Courage, Faith and Vision are the PRIDE OF TENNESSEE; and

WHEREAS, the songwriters, Fred Congdon, Thomas Vaughn, and Carol Elliot, are
faithful Tennesseans and are proud of their heritage as natives of our state; and

WHEREAS, their song, "The Pride of Tennessee" is clearly deserving of the special
honor of being designated an official song of the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That
"The Pride of Tennessee" by Fred Congdon, Thomas Vaughn, and Carol Elliot is hereby
adopted as an official song of the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for
presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.